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SUBJECT: WMO PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (PEP):  
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. IN A MEETING ON JUNE 19, 1978, BETWEEN THE SYG WMO AND  
MR. EUGENE BOLLAY (USA), CHIEF OF THE PEP SCIENTIFIC  
PLANNING GROUP (SPG) IN THE WMO SECRETARIAT, THE FOLLOWING  
ACTIONS WERE AGREED: A) BOLLAY WOULD WITHDRAW HIS LETTER  
OF RESIGNATION (THIS LETTER WAS SUBMITTED ABOUT THREE WEEKS  
AGO, DUE TO FAMILY HEALTH PROBLEMS AND DISSATISFACTION WITH  
THE PEP ARRANGEMENTS); B) DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HELD WITH  
FONT-TULLOT, DIRECTOR OF THE SPANISH METEOROLOGICAL SER-  
VICE ON JUNE 22, URGING HIM TO TAKE THE ACTIONS NEEDED TO  
START THE SITE SURVEY PROGRAM BY JANUARY 1979, OR TO INFORM  
WMO OF ANY DIFFICULTIES; C) THE SYG WOULD ESTABLISH A PEP  
COORDINATION BOARD WITHIN THE WMO SECRETARIAT TO MONITOR  
THE PROGRESS OF THE EXPERIMENT AND TO TAKE CORRECTIVE  
ACTION. (NOTE: THIS ACTION DOES NOT MEET THE NEED FOR A  
MORE FLEXIBLE SET-UP WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE  
SCIENTIFIC PLANNING GROUP, WHICH IS THE SUPPORT STAFF FOR  
THE WORK OF THE PEP BOARD. THE SYG SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT  
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TO SOLVE THIS DIFFICULTY AS WELL.)

2. A CABLE REPORT FROM WMO SECRETARIAT OFFICER WHO TALKED  
WITH FONT-TULLOT IN MADRID ON JUNE 22 INDICATES THAT SPAIN  
HOPES TO HAVE THE NECESSARY FINANCING AND FACILITIES AVAIL-  
ABLE IN TIME TO MEET THE PROPOSED ON-SITE SCHEDULE OF WORK.

THEY PROPOSE AN OPERATIONAL PLANNING MEETING SEPTEMBER 4-15, 1978 IN VALLADOLID TO COMPLETE THE ARRANGMENTS. THE DRAFTING OF THE WMO-SPANISH AGREEMENT ON THE PROJECT SHOULD BE FINISHED BY END OF AUGUST, WITH SIGNING IN MADRID EARLY OCTOBER, WHEN IT CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE PROJECT CAN BE CARRIED OUT AS PLANNED.

3. THESE ACTIONS INDICATE A SOMEWHAT MORE POSITIVE APPROACH BY THE SYG WMO AND SPAIN ON THE PEP PLANNING. IF THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE IS IMPROVED, AND IF THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES CAN, IN FACT, MEET THE SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS AGREED BY THE LAST MEETING OF THE PEP BOARD, THE PROSPECT FOR GETTING THE FIELD WORK STARTED IN JANUARY SEEMS REASONABLY GOOD. THEN IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMITMENTS OF STATES TO BE FINALIZED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS. IN THIS CONNECTION, SWITZERLAND HAS OFFERED AN EXPERIENCED SCIENTIST (PROF. BRUNO FEDERER) AS THE FIELD PROJECT MANAGER FOR UP TO FIVE MONTHS A YEAR. AT THIS STAGE, THIS AMOUNT OF TIME SEEMS INSUFFICIENT AND FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH SWISS AUTHORITIES ARE EXPECTED.

4. THE MISSION WILL REPORT ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.  
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